

THE BARON'S FAIRY.

Missing a Fox Hunt Found Him a Wife Instead.

All of Comtesse d'Eon's guests had left the chateau that afternoon for a fox hunt. There were more than sixty of them and they were pretty well tired out, for there had been a cotillon the night before and it had itself been preceded by a long excursion. For Comtesse d'Eon was an indefatigable hostess—the more so that she wished to prove to her guests that she was the youngest woman among them. She knew that often when she persisted in waiting until dawn people wondered and what her age might be. And nothing would hurt her so much as to hear people say: "My dear Comtesse, you are simply astonishing" for she knew how they added under their breath "at your age."

Her age?—how absurd! A woman's age is not a proper subject for speculation. And what a terrible epoch this nineteenth century is, with its registers, its marriage certificates, its contracts, its notarial acts, in which birth dates are inscribed in plain black and white! Really, if Comtesse d'Eon did not like to contemplate the idea of marrying off her daughter Marguerite it was because she was horrified at the idea of the notary reading out before everybody:

"Mme. la Comtesse d'Eon, born in the year . . ."

She revealed her age to no one, not even to Baron de Chauvigny, her latest conquest—to whom she was no more than a friend, for the Comtesse had long since ceased to wage the battles of love. She preferred simply to be courted, to be made a confidante of, to be treated like a pretty woman who does not disdain to enter the lists, but with whom one dare not go too far; a chaste salute imprinted on her finger tips, chatter that suited close to the wind, and an occasional moment of forgetfulness in the waltz were the only favors that she allowed.

The Baron had divined all this, and he had been delighted to find a pretty woman with whom he could flirt a bit without compromising himself and without fear of a galling claim.

"When you are tired of paying court to me," the Comtesse had said to him, "we must marry you off."

"Why," he exclaimed, "is your daughter old enough?"

"What, Cendrillon?" the Comtesse had exclaimed, with a merry laugh; "she is a child—a mere infant."

"She is a very pretty infant, then?"

"Why, she has a doll in her room yet."

"But why do you call her Cendrillon?"

"Because she is a blonde cendre, she has hair the color of ashes. It was the Count who gave her the name. But even

tea. He could easily find it, for he had himself put it back in the case.

The library was in perfect order, but in the place where he had put the book he saw nothing but blank space.

"Here's a run of luck!" he muttered.

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"Because,"

Chauvigny had to repeat his question several times before he could get the girl to answer.

"Because," because I am eighteen."

"Eighteen?"

But it was true. And her eighteen years sat well upon her, but because she did not dance, because all her gowns were too short at the bottom and too high at the top, no one would have suspected her age.

The Baron was much perplexed.

"Cendrillon, no, mademoiselle," he began; "Mlle. Marguerite, eighteen years old—and with your name, your fortune and your beauty, they are not beginning to think of your marriage?"

The girl shook her head.

"And would you be—well disposed?"

She nodded a "yes" with her head.

"They stood for some moments thus, Chauvigny gazing admiringly at the pretty head bowed before him. Then, drawing her towards him, he murmured:

"If you like, we two—just we two—will begin to think of it."

Translated from the French.

GREAT MEN WHO EAT PIE.

Emerson, Gladstone and Whittier Are Fond of It.

A gentleman of Concord, Mass., the heart of the pie-baking district of New England, has taken occasion to tell the people of the West what he knows about pie as an intellectual factor, says the Kansas City Star.

He boldly asserts that pie of various kinds is a brain stimulant, and he cites Emerson, Gladstone, Carlisle, Moliere and others as giants who thrived on pie.

Emerson, in particular, was known to eat two and three pieces of pie for breakfast as a sort of foundation for literary exercise, and the gentleman contends that what was good and healthful enough for Emerson ought to be good enough for anybody.

So earnest and seemingly convincing is this pieologist in his enthusiasm that it would seem at first that pie ought to be introduced into the public schools as a part of the curriculum. But this would involve fresh complications.

It is now a matter of history that Whittier, the gentle Quaker poet, not only ate pie, but fairly shoveled it into his mouth with his knife.

From Different Points of View.

(From Harper's Bazar.)

"Perfectly beautiful day this," said Holly, looking out of his window at the pouring rain.

"Beautiful? You mean lovely," retorted Fanny, whose umbrella is said to be the finest on the market.

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FROM THE WORLD OF LABOR.

The Jewellers' Union has been recognized.

The Jersey City Framers' Union will elect new officers this week.

Cigar-makers' Union No. 90 announced a new shop last Monday.

The Memphis Commercial has succumbed to the Union and will be a union paper hereafter.

The delegates of the Amalgamated Pressers' Union have been admitted to the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America.

The Patterson, N. J., printers' Union has its annual picnic at the "Falls" this afternoon and evening.

The laundry workers of Chicago have effected an organization under the rules of the American Federation of Labor.

An independent political league has been formed by the unions and K. of L. assemblies at Rochester, N. Y.

The wood-carvers are on strike at Boss Dore's shop, Kent avenue, Brooklyn, E. D. Their demand is that the Union be recognized.

The Indiana State Federation of Trades and Labor Unions will hold its eighth annual session at Logansport on July 26 and 27.

The Architectural Iron-Workers' Union will take action in regard to the housewifery's lookout at 26 Delancey street to-morrow evening.

The gas brewers of Baltimore have refused to renew the contract with their employees until the boycott be removed from the brewers' union.

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in regard to the musicians at the Thalia Theatre.

W. Shurtliff, Master Workman of D. A. 47, has telegraphed to this city saying that no further railroad men go to Cleveland until the car strike is settled.

The Machine Stone-Workers and Hand-Workers' Union has elected Thomas O'Leary president; Jeremiah M. O'Neil, financial secretary; William Murray, Treasurer; Michael O'Leary, Wasting Delegate.

Union printers charge that some employers in this city are sending work to be done at minimum rates in cheap country towns in the vicinity where the union has no jurisdiction, as the men in these places are not organized.

Richard C. Walters and William P. Heil, members of Typographical Union No. 6, died last week, both entitled to benefits. The number of cards deposited with Secretary Ferguson was fourteen and seventeen were withdrawn.

The District Council of New York Carpenters has sustained the action of W. J. McKim in refusing to order a strike on the Criminal Court building, but a rule was adopted according to which in the future W. J. McKim must order strikes on jobs designated by the Board of W. J. McKim.